

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York [Mrs. KELLY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. KELLY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 2202, IMMIGRATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, March 8, the chairman of the Rules Committee, the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON], sent out a "Dear Colleague" letter to all Members of the House, committee offices, and leadership offices providing notice of the amendment process to be used on H.R. 2202, the Immigration in the National Interest Act.

This announcement is intended to serve as a reminder of that process. The Rules Committee is planning to meet Thursday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m. to grant a rule on the immigration bill. This rule may include a provision limiting amendments to those specified in the rule.

Any Member who desires to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by noon on Wednesday, March 13, to the Rules Committee at room H-312 in the Capitol.

Amendments to the portions of the bill in the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee should be drafted to the text of H.R. 2202 as reported by the Judiciary Committee.

Amendments to the portion of the bill in the Agriculture Committee jurisdiction, the guest worker program, should be drafted to the text of the Agriculture Committee reported amendment.

Both of these texts are in the Office of the Legislative Counsel.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to share a few names with you and hopefully our President: Adam Kopald, Bridgit Mennite, Liesl Himmelberger, Amy Ziegler, Emily Nytko, and Kellie Erzen.

These are just a few of the names that our President is planning to veto this Friday.

Those six young men and women are the top honor students at James O'Neill High School in Highland Falls, NY.

Their school district vitally depends on the Impact Aid Program. Last week this House stood up for these children and their school district by funding this program—despite the White House's attempts to zero it out.

If the President vetoes our measure, which adds an additional \$3.3 billion for education and environmental programs, he vetoes the education of those six students. It's that simple.

The President can talk all he wants about children, but the fact will remain that he abandoned them—not this House.

Mr. Speaker, my mother used to tell me that actions speak louder than words. So, I urge the President to hear the please of these children, and help us save the Impact Aid Program.

TRIO OF TRADE EXPERTS RECOMMEND CONTINUATION OF MFN STATUS FOR CHINA

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, China denies American products. China steals American videos and software. China tortures their own citizens, China imprisons their political opponents. China has slave labor camps. China has a 17-cent-an-hour labor wage. China still has slave labor camps. China sells nuclear technology and missiles to America's enemies, and China is now threatening to nuke Taiwan. After all this, American government trade experts say it is in the best interests of America to continue most-favored-nation trade status for China.

Unbelievable, Mr. Speaker, I say it has finally dawned on me. These American trade experts are actually Larry, Moe, and Curly, an they inhaled all the time.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. I yield back the balance of any jobs left over.

WHITE HOUSE REQUESTS ADDITIONAL \$8 BILLION

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, wages are down and taxes are up. The middle class is slowly being squeezed by liberal economic policies put in place by the Clinton administration. Now we

hear that the White House has requested an additional \$8 billion for corporate welfare and social engineering programs.

This is basically a Clinton reelection pork package. What really rattles me about this request is that the Clinton administration wants \$10 million more for the National Endowment for the Arts. This is outrageous.

Mr. Speaker, the American people are tired of seeing their hard-earned tax dollars wasted on projects that go out of their way to offend traditional values. It is outrageous that Bill Clinton would ask for an additional \$10 million for this program in order to please the extreme liberal wing of the Democratic Party.

CONGRESS SELLS OUT TO SPECIAL INTERESTS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, my Republican colleagues continue to confuse the onset of spring with the continuation of Halloween. They continue to masquerade as the friend of working Americans but are still the defenders of the special interests.

They unveiled their new health care reform plan. They are loading down a bipartisan straightforward health care reform bill with lots of special interest goodies.

Who benefits from these provisions? Is it the working families struggling to pay health care bills? No, that is not who. Their proposal would provide a financial windfall for the Golden Rule Insurance Co., providers of over \$1 million in contributions to Republican political action committees.

This attempt to appease special interests is particularly disappointing because it wastes an opportunity to pass real bipartisan health care reform in this Congress. Sadly, when the gavel drops to open debate on this legislation, it will mark the start of yet another auction where this Congress sells out the public interest to the special interests.

THE BUSINESS OF GOVERNING

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from New York State said it all when she quoted her mother: Actions speak louder than words.

Now unfortunately as the calendar gives way to spring and ultimately to November, our campaigner in chief seems to be willing yet again to shut down the Federal Government in a bald-faced political tactic. Mr. Speaker, he is trying to bully this Chamber into spending \$8 billion in additional taxpayers' dollars in a cynical attempt to be reelected.